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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

[T]HE GREAT MOVEMENT

[T]HE EXODUS OF NEGROES THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

[R]EV. MOSES BROYLES WAS LEADER

[I]ndianapolis the Land of Promise And the Second Baptist Church the North Star--They Came and Saw But Did Not Conquer.

Very few among the colored people [a]nd fewer still among the white peo[pl]e of this city will remember what [w]as called the exodus, a happening [of] some thirty-five years ago. Many [w]hite people are living who were liv[in]g at that time, but they were not [es]pecially concerned in the movement, [he]nce paid it no mind. In brief, it [w]as a general drifting northward by [N]egroes of the South and particularly [by] those of the States, North and [So]uth Carolina, or perhaps better to [sa]y, that this particular happening [w]as the very high tide of the move[m]ent, when on a given date the Ne[gr]oes by the hundreds poured in on [th]e city of Indianapolis, coming prin[cip]ally from those two States.

[I]t was in the days of Rev. Moses [Br]oyles who, by the way, was one of [th]e first educated Negroes of this [cit]y. He was a Moses indeed, and [fo]r many years was the leader, and [in] most lines of public activity. He [w]as in turn school teacher, preach[er], politician in the better sense and [at] all times general adviser to the [Ne]gro community. He built the Sec[on]d Baptist Church which is so well [kn]own in this city and also through[ou]t the country. That church at that [da]y was fairly famous, owing very [m]uch to the sterling character of [R]ev. Broyles. The white people had [th]e utmost confidence in him. There [w]as affiliation and fellowship to an [ap]preciable extent between his [ch]urch and the First Baptist Church [of] white communicants; his church [be]ing called the Second Baptist, out [of] deference to the church for the [wh]ite people. Such relation did not [ex]ist between other churches and [ev]en that condition must be attribu[te]d to the high character of Rev. [Br]oyles, and of which nature his con[gr]egation largely partook. He stood [di]stinctly in a class by himself, fath[er]ly, elderly, the truest type of the [pa]triarch, of contemplative mood, [m]oved as engrossed in his own cares, [an]d which were as one with those of [hi]m he served, seeming to feel the [w]eight of responsibility—appearing at [m]ost times to be awaiting heaven's [ow]n pleasure for guidance in the then [va]gue and uncertain days. He was [la]w and gospel, used his influence [m]odestly and wisely, and to the end [of] his days he was the most upright [m]an of the Negro race. This has in [m]ind the involving of his financial [aff]airs. He, like his class, was un[at]tentive to such matters. Money was [no]t his idea, and ere he knew it, [h]e was hopelessly entangled—another [te]stimony of the man, since all was [sw]ept away—his belongings—bequest[in]g to his heirs richness of name [on]ly—saving him from the mockery [of] dishonest gain.

But it is of the exodus that we [w]ish to speak. It was in Broyles' day, [w]hen this special time was set for [m]oving Northward. His church was [th]e North Star, as it were, and to [w]hich they tendered their way. For [y]ears the colored people had been [d]rifting in from here, there and ev[er]ywhere, like a perennial, but tiny [st]ream, they came; but now the ex[od]us, when it appeared as the very [fo]untain head was breaking up. The [ch]urch was as of the famous system [of] "Underground Railrods" of the [da]ys before the war; it was known [fo]r its host-like qualities, caring for, [an]d looking out for the comfort of [th]e new arrivals. It was a minor [Ca]stle Garden—one great receiving [an]d distrubuting station of the North. [Un]der the sainted Broyles it did its [m]ission well as so many of to-day [kn]ow.

On this particular day the Negroes [by] the hundreds poured in the city. [Il]linois street was the scene of the [lo]ng line of march from the depot [no]rthward. And such a scene! Men, [w]omen and children clad only in [w]hat was absolutely necessary to [hi]de their nakedness from the world [—]"linsey woolsey," "woolsey linsey," [or] whatever it may have been; shoes [an]d hats were the exceptions; thus [th]ey paraded the thoroughfare, amid the throng of curious on-lookers. Jibes and jeers fell headless on their ears; they moved as of purpose, resolve, aforethought, none of those things moving them from their bent. Many of them carried their total belongings on their heads, in their arms—beds, cooking outfits, trunks with great gnarls of rope, antiquated grips that the masters had discarded at the big house long years ago. Most pitiable sight! It was a never-to-be-forgotten sight—a panorama, veritable, of the flight of the hundreds in humble circumstances. They did not come agrinning and "samboing"; they were the Egyptian "Renaissance," as it were, and full with the meaning of the journey. It was as another day altogether when they ambled their way to their haven. One looking back in this day still sees the black and winding streak like a line of ebony ghosts, so unlike the surroundings that they lent fore prominence to the picture, and etchment of the memory to fade with the lasting things only.

There were husbands and wives whose chief assets were children; children of still scantier attire; they were also Arabs—of solemn mien as if the thing was contagion; they also seemed to say: "How can we sing the songs of the Lord in a strange land?" No smile, no tear; no cowardice, no bravado—the tenor of their way was unbroken; they looked steadfastly to the "hills of the Lord" from where there help was to come—thus solidly, they, too, like their elders, trudged on to Canaan.

Finally they reached their destination, the Second Baptist Church, that they had heard so much about. Everything was done to make them comfortable. The colored people brought in and prepared food for them, made them feel welcome. Some of them had friends and relatives; these came inquiring after them, taking them to more comfortable quarters. But most of them were without friends or money, consequently the church was their home for several days. At night they unrolled their beds—those that had them. Others less fortunate took the soldier's sterner fare, stretching themselves out on the hard benches, snatching respite from the ruffled front of their affairs. The mothers, as usual, sat up watching their children sleep, as is so often the way—the "watchman" of the family in times of distress.

It was not long before the white citizens became alive to the situation. They made way for many of them, finding homes for them and in other ways contributed to their well-being. Among the men were farmers, in fact, the most of them were farmers, and preferred that kind of life. So the situation was further relieved when the farmers of the country began to call for them, in consequence of which several small communities were known to have existed some eight to ten miles from the city, progressing so far as to have school houses and churches. These are now gone, because the people in the most part are gone. The farm was an asylumn for the tired and weary pilgrims from the South—the older ones; but their children and successors could not withstand the blandishment of the great and fascinating city. They came, saw, but did not conquer; they were soon swallowed up in the distracting vortex of affairs and like ships that pass in the night was oon lost to sight. A few yet took up the burden of their fathers, tilled the soil and are enrolled among the good citizens and to this remain as monuments set up unto the great exodus day.

Thus to every avocation the wanderers were dispersed, cook and washerwoman, laborer and artisan; long since have they lost that individuality noted when they came. Of course, in the city, as elsewhere, most of the originals are gone. Their children, some of them, will be found as others of the race. If anything there runs through them a strong streak of character that slightly distinguishes them from the native born. We may well conclude with the thought, that the children of those are intermingled with the life of the city. Some making good, others failing in the great battle of life—all different from that somber picture that meandered up Illinois street some thirty-five years ago—the exodus.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

William Triplett is now at Rollin's barber shop, on West State street.

Mrs. Sophia Ward and Mrs. M. Bryant, and Louisa Johnson and Mrs. Alcenda Bryant are improving from their illness.

Mrs. Joseph Wheeler is quite ill at her home.

Rev. and Mrs. Goff are in Pittsfield, Ill., on business.

Mrs. W. M. Cooper and Mrs. Nanny Easley are quite ill.

Mrs. Sarah Young is doing a thriving business.

The little child of Mrs. Arthur Holt is slowly improving.

Edward Terry spent a week at Danville, Ill., at the Soldiers' Home.

William House, of Madison street, is quite ill.

Miss M. Headen has gone to her home in Missouri.

Mrs. Sallie Perkins entertained a number of friends at her home, 810 Prairie street, December 10, in honor of the twenty-first birthday of her sister, Miss Allie Higgins. Various games were played, and other amusements, and splendid refreshments were served. Miss Higgins received many nice presents.

The Mallory Lodge, K. of P., No. 30, on December 11 elected the following officers for the semi-annual term: Chancellor, George Lewis; Vice Chancellor, Ellis Moore; Prelate, D. D. Thomas; Master of Finance, Walter Blue; Master of Exchequer, John W. King; Keeper of Records and Seals, Geo. W. Cooper; Master at Arms, Thos. Glass; Master of Work and Representative, John W. Haithman.

THE OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS.

Just an old-fashioned, merry Christmas time!
See happy, lighted faces rise up like fumes;
And don't you taste seed cake and elderberry wine,
And hear spinets tinkling long-forgotten tunes?
And don't you smell gillyflowers 'most everywhere?
And candies, apples, nuts, and kisses sweet
Come with dimpled, old-fashioned girls most fair,
And sleigh bells ring with shouts along the street.

II.

Just an old-fashioned, merry Christmas time!
See candle-lighted cabins rise to view,
And hear the old fiddle and heed the sign!
And can't you dance to music made for you?
And how you can enjoy the very thing you seek—
To talk with old friends and drink eggnog the while,
And praise His name as the yule log endures the week,
And then return to toil with a restful smile.

—Charles Marshall.

TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT

THEIR TRIP FROM THIS COUNTRY TO MANILLA

MANY EVENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Favorable Impressions of Japan Beautiful Lesson Taught--Industrious Men, Women And Children--Company Contented.

The Twenty-fifth Regiment of Infantry arrived in Manila, P. I., on the 13th day of September, 1907. Having sailed frof San Francisco on the 10th of August on the United States Army Transport "Crook."

The first few days at sea were days of much suffering as "Everything was coming up and nothing going down." But after arriving in Honolulu, H. I., eight days' run from San Francisco, we all began to feel very well. We spent three days in Honolulu sightseeing and we might say it was one of the most pleasant times of our lives.

Sad, indeed, we were, when we set sail from there for Nagasaki, Japan. For it was a fifteen days' trip between these two places. You can imagine how melancholy we all were; looking out upon that vast body of water for so many days.

On the evening of September 5th, our hearts were gladdened as we approached the magnificent city of Nagasaki, Japan, greeted by the thousands of lights that twinkled from the many hillsides of that city. As for natural beauty, there are few, if any, cities that equal it.

We spent three days anchored in the harbor of this city, and had many a pleasant ride behind the husky little Japs, who rode us in their jinrickishas up hill and down hill, as if we were tops. Their charge for such riding was only ten cents per hour.

There are many queer sights to be seen in this foreign city. At least, they appear queer to us. But to express my opinion about Japan, it would be in these words: "Japan believes in work. Old or young, from the cradle to the grave. Rich and poor. High and low. Proud and humble. All must find some vocation in life to follow. It is indeed a strange sight to see mere babies of from four to eight years of age, working side by side with their fathers. More than that, the mothers, the wives, and the sisters measure their heaps with the men."

We had a most interesting time watching the women and children store coal and merchandise upon the vessel, with equal rapidity as the men.

Ah, if the women of America could only visit Japan. It would indeed be a lesson to them. And would teach them what they have to be thankful for in our bright and happy land.

I could write a book on the sights we saw in Japan, but have not the space and time to spare. My prayer is: "Long live Japan!" With the hopes that it will get more of the light from the western hemisphere.

We left Nagasaki, bound for Manila, on the morning of the eighth day of September, and without any incident of importance, arrived in the harbor of our oriental metropolis—Manila—at about seven o'clock p. m., September 13th.

With the many lights from Cavite, the naval station, and Manila, gleaming around us for many miles, reminded us of some of our own great sea-coast cities.

We spent only one day in Manila and during that day received many of our friends on board. Representing almost every colored organization in Manila; including the ninth and tenth cavalry and the Twenty-fourth Infantry. Many colored ladies that were there with their husbands were present on board.

We received orders here to proceed to Parango, Mindanao, P. I., and take station. The islands of Mindanao is the second largest island in the group and most southernly.

According to orders, we set sail for our station on the afternoon of the 14th instant, arriving in Zamborango, Mindanao, the Department Headquarters on the 16th instant and departed from there on the evening of the same date, arriving in the harbor of Parang the following day. The Regimental Headquarters, Staff Band, 1st and 2nd Batallions, disembarked and took station in the Military Post of Parang, relieving a batallion of the 13th

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

By J. G. Holland.

There's a song in the air,
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth
For the virgin's sweet Boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire and the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impearled,
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame and the Beautiful sing
In the homes if the Nation that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes through the night
From the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely Evangel they bring,
And we greet in His Cradle our Savior and King!

HOME FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS.

In connection with the work at Flanner Guild, at Indianapolis, the president, Mr. G. W. Cable, and those associated with him, find that it is nccessary to provide conveniences for fallen girls who have no homes. At present there is no place provided for such cases. Unfortunate girls are not accepted in the hospital until one month prior to the time of their confinement and dismissed two weeks after, regardless of the condition of their health, and the management of the Guild propose to give a home and protection until the individuals are able to work and care for their children.

The cottage west of the Guild has been taken for this purpose and it is hoped that the public will give donations of beds, bedding, carpet, one heating stove and other household goods to carry on this work. By giving girls of this kind a home and protection, it is not the purpose of the officers to encourage the condition mentioned, but since these things will and have happened, the girls must be cared for.

In your Christmas giving remember those who have been unfortunate either from lack of iatringn shr either from lack of training, misplaced trust and confidence or just "being hard headed." All the causes and results are pitiful and heartrending.

Call 'phone 4249 and the ladies will call on you.

MUST BE CHEERFULLY DONE.

The most effective work is usually the full-hearted word—that which passes through the head or heart of him whose heart is glad. Hope is the companion of power and the mother of success. Who hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles.

Y. C. W. P. A.

The Young Colored Women's Protective Association have filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The members of the board of directors are: Laura Ellington, Bertha Lewis, Harriet Clarke, Fannie Neal, Jessie Darnell, Gertrude Wendyard, Ellen Dean and Fannie Milburn. Miss Daisy Walker is the president of the association.

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The Women's Federation of Clubs of Indianapolis will have their anniversary services at Bethel Church at the evening services, December 22.

MARRIED WOMAN'S SYMPATHY.

Then she goes away, and when next she meets a particularly attractive, busy, contented spinster, she says plaintively: "Poor Ada, or Virginia, or Emmeline! What a pity she never married!" She can not help it any more than she can help the color of her hair. When Frederick—fumbling dreadfully, by the way—slipped the ring upon her finger, he endowed her not only with all his worldly goods, but also with an ineradicable pity for those upon whose hand the yellow band has never gleamed. If he had taken to beating her the following week, had developed an undue appetite for drink the next month, and had deserted her the following year, she would still have looked with patronage upon me, unbeaten, unacquainted with intoxication, undeserted. There is no wife so unhappy, so neglected, so trampled upon, that she has not, in her own opinion, some one still more pitiable to whom to condescend—and that is any unmarried woman, no matter how busy, how cheerful, how popular.—Anne O'Hagan, in Harper's Bazar.

STENOGRAPHERS MARRY.

A worthy statistician has figured that among women the business of stenography has increased more than three to one in the ten years between 1890 and 1900, and that of all the private secretaries, stenographers, typewriters and so on, fully three to one are women. Of the total number of persons of sixteen years of age and over who are engaged in stenography, more than 76 per cent. are women. A curious feature of the statistics is that which shows that of the 85,086 women employed as stenographers in 1900, 53,816 were between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five and 26,001 were between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five. After that age the number diminishes rapidly. This would seem to show that the stenographer gets married early and leaves her employment.

SHE DOES NOT SPARE THE ROD.

Colored Schoolma'am Whips Twenty-Fire Pupils.

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 10.—A Champaign colored girl has established a record of whipping twenty-five children in one day. When Miss Myrtle Ross, a graduate of the local schools and for a time a student at the University of Illinois, recently accepted the position as school teacher in a colored school at Murphysboro, Ill., she soon learned the reasons why her predecessors were so anxious to throw up the position she undertook to fill.

Patient at first, she soon decided that to spare the rod would mean a disorderly schoolroom, so a number of days ago she applied the hickory so vigorously that now all is quiet in the Douglass school and twenty-five penitent children are the most loyal pupils under Miss Ross's tutelage.

BUSINESS WOMEN.

Perhaps one of the most peculiar businesses into which a woman could venture is that of wholesale chemist. Yet one of the most famous chemical houses in the United States, a house doing millions on millions of dollars a year, is largely responsible to the keen, strong workings of a woman's mind.

She was not a young woman, either, when her father made her a partner in his business. From that day she took hold of that branch of the business pertaining to agencies and pushed her branch so rapidly that the business, already great, took its place at the very top. Then her father died, and into the little hands of this great woman fell the entire management of the business. She was head and foot of it. To-day she is pointed to as one of the greatest financiers of this country.

Another woman with a husband and son developed from a weak little creature into one of the greatest and most successful brokers of all Manhattan. When she bought or sold stock, news of the transaction flashed along the wires to every financial center. She is living to-day—successful, shrewd and parsimonious.

The Japanese lover, instead of an engagement ring, may give his future bride a piece of beautiful silk to be worn as a sash.

Wedding engagements in Turkestan begin with the payment of a sum of money to the girl's parents. If the girl jilts her lover, the engagement gift has to be returned, unless the parents have another daughter to give as a substitute.

Women in China have the privilege of fighting in the wars. In the rebellion of 1850 women did as much fighting as the men. At Nankin, in 1853, 500,000 women from various parts of the country were formed into brigades of 13,000 each, under female officers. Of these soldiers, 10,000 were picked women, drilled and garrisoned in the city.

In Brazil servants will not sleep in the house, as a rule, but expect to leave at 7 at night and not return until 7 or 8 the next day. As a result, many houses have a pane of glass in one of the windows taken out, through which the baker and the milkman pass their goods on their early morning rounds, without troubling a member of the family to get up and open the door.

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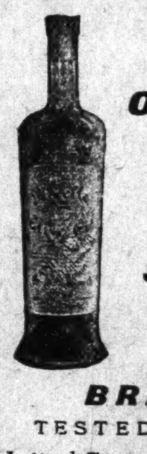

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814 Southard St. MINNIE FOASTER.

West Chester, Pa., Mch. 30, 1906.
I had typhoid fever and my hair all came out. I used three bottles of your pomade and now my hair is nine inches long and very thick and nice and straight. Most every one seeing how good your pomade did my hair, they too are anxious for it. My hair is an example to every one.
Yours respectfully, ELLY BR.

Brookhaven, Miss., Aug. 13, 1898.
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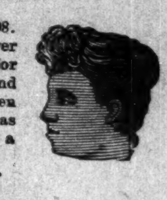

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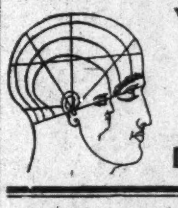

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SWEET REASONABLENESS.

While eulogizing ourselves over our vast strides, let us not forget that all praise never made an individual or a race. As nigh perfect as either may be, there is still a completer perfection yet and to which is rarely attained in this world. This has in mind the busy, active, workday world to which the vast majority belongs. This perfection is the essence of the beatitudes which are so much writ of, the where the ultra-moralists point when adorning their pages or their speeches, although they themselves may not conform their lives to their teachings. What they feel, know and say are felt, known and oftimes said by the many who do not preach, consequently they see the necessity of a preachment that is filled with the quality of "constrainment."

Our race is gradually learning that no harm will come of taking it to task for its shortcomings at times, just as is done among other races. The newspapers, magazines, books published by them would have no value whatever unless the restrictive sense predominated. The trend and end of the most publications are to lash the world to its sense of duty, commending, of course, at times, but more often holding up the foibles in the sense of ridicule as that most ancient of school masters, Don Quixote, who drove the follies of the period to sanity. We are given too much to expecting bouquets; we ought to have them; they ought to come, and do from our own side, often in too rich profusion, stifling us into a narrowness that begets us a peculiar dislike. We take it that since the world besildes is so eager to pile on, that we should do very little of the same kind of business. And, true enough, we should not deal in kind with the world, but as the world beyond deals out to its kind we should also deal.

In fact, our newspapers and public speakers, including preachers, will be of little service i fthey fail to take up the lines essayed by those of other races. The change is coming, however, slowly but surely—the inevitable—or else there will remain nothing to do except congratulate and be congratulated, while the world goes from bad to worse. To reduce the matters to its lowest terms; we are not prepared for adverse criticism; this is no new theory, and, by the way, mose people wince under it, but we heretofore have felt that none but a downright enemy could say an unpleasant thing. So our papers and preachers and public speakers have been trained by the people not to criticise, when it is the papers' preachers' and upblic speakers' plain duty to speak for the public or the individual good. The truest and best friends of the race are those that look ahead for breakers, crying out in the midst of fogs the where of the shallow places, and so forth. These are unmindful of immediate praise and should be, being resolved to save in spite of everything. The unthoughful, nuseeing are swerved by the things of today only, becoming unconscious enemies, at least, if not by real intent. It is reasonable to think that they are not enemies by real intent; they think they serve best because yielding to the clamor of the moment. The god of the immediate getting on is also to be appeased, when men forget, very often all but their temporary successes. We will be extremely careless if we surrender our total keeping in such hands instead of to the deep minded individuals who place the tomorrows above the day, and temporary loss in estimation beneath the permanent gain in the end.

We do have such individuals, who at times speak out the race, not of a sense of pique or spite; they are of the greater understanding, weighing all things, knowing as much as possible of all things, with their eyes always fixed on the pole star of hope, leaping the hills and mountains of the mean and sordid. They are not always accorded the respect due them, because they are in advance of the today. In truth it is very doubtful if ever they be fully appreciated, since there is no way to estimate their worth, so that it may be generally known. They are to be compared with the coral workers under the sea, depositing their increment of good building to the future regardless of the frothing waters. Such men as Dr. Booker T. Washington are being most stubbornly opposed because they caution, admonish, urge the quieter ways of life, proceeding along the lines of the least resistance. They do those things, yet more; they talk out in season, commending as well as cautioning, applauding and admonishing, urging the "escalation" of the very stars when fitting, timely or appropriate. Let us be more reasonable.

CELEBRATE THE DAY.

Emancipation Day will be observed by the colored people of Indianapolis January 1. At another time, we spoke of some of the unrejoiced rights; it goes without saying that the recognition of the day in some form, everywhere, by those with even a hint of Negro blood in their veins and are classified as Negroes, enjoying privileges owing to the emancipation, is in keeping with a spirit that should be, the thing was of such transcending importance that the hearts of the radical righteous must bleed when knowing the indifference sometimes manifested. Here is indeed an unrejoiced right when we fail to show appreciation of the man through some form of observation. The spasmodic observation voted now and then are niggardly,stingy and often as under duress, and at times amounting to no more than a tonic for dyspeptic political reasons.

We should rejoice and be exceeding glad when it is ours to testify to the sorrowing and death of Abraham Lincoln and, of course, to his immortal act that established our going, put new songs in our mouths; and to continue it further, "singing the songs that angels cannot sing," in the language of the demonstrative colored brother—"been redeemed." Indeed, the world owes very much to Mr. Lincoln; the influence going out from the memorable occasion weakened the chains of slavery wherever known, and total mankind looked up. None short of Jesus Christ has so illumined the world with his bigness, bringing such means of hope that what, with making thoughts or mighty dreams as is concerns the race, the twin evangels of salvation figure largely in.

As we are not ashamed of the one, nor should we be ashamed to acknowledge the other; for "despised and rejected" as we sometimes feel ourselves to be, yet to what mortal man shall we ascribe the praise, even for our present rating? Thousands of men fell, true enough; millions were spent, true enough—all of which could have happened and yet the pen could have yet hung in a palsied hand. The truth made him free, and bold; the horrible institution was to be exorcised from the land, as superstition and ignorance in religious matters were driven out by the one still greater.

Under the circumstances it amounts nearly to a privilege to remember in a fitting way one who made it possible to enjoy the civilization of today when the world is at its best. Noisy demonstrations and graet todoes are not necessary to honor Abraham Lincoln; honoring him will not require more effort than necessary to honor his great "prototype." Humble observation will be quite as meaning as the "show" with the brass band attachment. If there is no more than a speech, a song, the reading of his life in part, the emancipation document commented on understandingly, it will be sufficient to keep live the spark or giving it renewed glow—since it will never die.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

Clad in whiteness—snow is the intelligence from the northern part of the State. Snow Snow! How our mental thermometers droop at the mention. And then to know that the thing is within hailing distance is what causes the penturbment. And yet snow is not the hurting part of winter; it stands for so much, don't you know? When men wish to announce the fact that winter is approaching, and when they prefer to be graphic, or forceful, they invariably tell of the snow; it snowed in Dakota or some other hamalaya, the abode of snow, resting contented that the warning is vivid and assuring that the black and dreary days are at hand. Yet the poet sings of the beautiful snow, the feathery snow, drifting leisurely down to us below, mantling the bleak black earth as a thing of charity, that man may not too greatly partake of nature stripped to the bare—devoid of all loveliness and becoming so similar as to be cruel and ugly in demeaning himself. Here is psychology of nature, and of which we take so little note. The Master of the universe threw about us this wise provision, rescuing us from the monotony of the one tone, having in mind the good of our temperaments. And since we must have the cold day that bite back to earth all vegetation, giving us the "ettrnal" sameness, then comes snow, welcome snow, do your mission—break the fell conspiracy of oneness.

The winter back yards profit vastly by each falling snow. The ash heap is most beautifully put away, at which we are extremely thankful. The rubbish generally, also hibernates under the generous covering, including that useful instrument, the kitchen hatchet and sometimes the shovel, until the sun does come out again to uncover the hiding places. So we may well conclude that the snow has the uses even to the spiritual economy, keeping one as sweet as may be until the springtide declares.

Then there is yet greater wisdom displayed though the descending snow. Living things—animal and vegetable—that bury in the earth during the bleak days feel the protecting cover that old winter may not too greatly rout the prospects of the coming spring.

Then come snow,
Beautiful snow.
Things meaner blow;
Than you, we know.
O, most beautiful snow!

MORGAN KING OF FINANCIERS.

And the Negroes' Part in the Recent Money Market.

(From New York Age.)

A short fortnight ago the financiers of this nation were completely demoralized. Pessimism was in the very air that was breathed in every thought that was framed, and in every sentence that was spoken. PANIC! was on the tongues of every one, and the way that frightened depositors beseiged banking institutions for the purpose of withdrawing their deposits was a painful manifestation of the crisis through which the nation was passing.

A vague fear of what might happen seemed to possess depositors, and the note of distress that was wailed in New York had its reverberation in nearly every part of this country.

The writer will never forget the expressions of almost agonizing anxiety that he saw on the countenances of men and women, old and yong, rich and poor, well dressed and meanly clad, as they stood in line before a Wall Street trust company, anxiously waiting their turn to present their pass books to the paying teller.

Why that alarm? As was printed in the columns oft his paper two weeks ago, the credit of banking institutions has been notoriously overextended. The ratio of cash in banks to individual deposits, in 1906, was only 8.30 per cent., and to the agregate resources of the banks, anly 5.6 per cent., the lowest since the national bank act of 1863.

When the crash came in United Copper, and with it the exposure of questionable financial methods of certain bank officials, depositors awoke to the meaning of this overextension of credit on the part of banking institutions. With that awakening they arose as one man, and demanded their money.

Money! Money! I want my money! could be heard on every hand; and the call for money was to persistent and so loud that the "greatest Roman of them all" in financial circles was compelled to heed that call. And that Roman was Morgan. What he did on that memorable day to bring order out of chaos and to inspire with hope the people who were almost frantic with fear has placed fresh laurels on his brow and cause him again to be hailed as the uncrowned king in the realm of finance.

But the relief which Mr. Morgan gave was made possible in a large measure through seeds that were sown monts ago—and those seeds were sown by Negroes in the cotton fields of Dixie.

As a result of that sowing mililons of bales of cotton have been picked, and much of that cotton is now being exchanged for the world's gold. Hnllions and millions of dollars are pouring into the country day by day, and a goodly proportion of every dollar that comes is a glittering tribute to the worth of the Negro to this country in times of peace as well as in war.

Because of the influx of such quantities of gold there is a feeling of relief in financial circles and a note of cheer among the common people that nothing short of the yellow metal could have produced.

How long this feeling of relief, this note of cheer will continue, we shall not attempt to state, for "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

ROBERT N. TAYLOR.

THE BATTLE OF BROWNSVILLE.

(From The Atlanta Constitution.)

The end of the "Battle of Brownsville" is not yet in sight. Senator Foraker has his own personal reasons for insisting that it be held on the boards. It is a good political asset. A score of very large and very bulky volumes, containing evidence in the case, have already been contributed to contemporary literature and to history. There is more to follw, if Senator Foraker his his way.

Senator Warren has called the committee to meet on November 18, to endeavor to reach some decision on this vexed question. It cannot be charged that the committee has entered into a "conspiracy of silence." The members of Companies B. C and D. of this discharged Twenty-third Infantry, are probably scattered to the four corners of the country. But Senator Foraker still has in mind the purpose to summon two or three more witnesses, probably to prove that Brownville, Texas, "shot-up itself."

This will mean more evidence and more printed volumes. To these questions and cross-questions should be appended the stirring Senate debate, in which Senator Tillman expressed his views of the President and Senator Spooner and traced the history of the race problem from the earliest scriptural times. Furthermore, what Senator Spooner said of Senator Tillman an the subject in general should not be omitted. The whole will make an array of volumes slightly less numerous than the records of the military operations of the union and confederate armies during the late unleasantness.

It will be recalled that the right of the President to discharge the colored troops appeared "without questioning" in the Senate resolution providing for the inquiry into the affair.

The ban upon further enlistment by members of the discharged battalion was removed by the President. It will be incumbent upon them to prove their qualifications and gor character. The committee's report is expected to indorse this course. Those discharged men who can prove they had no "guilty" knowledge of the affray will be permitted to reinlist and given credit for their former service. It is not supposed, however, that a recommendation for the re-enlistment of any individual soldier of company of soldiers will be made.

The review of the evidence which was given by 156 witnesses and consumed four months in the telling, as well as the known attitude of several members of the committee, would indicate that the President was jutified in fact and did not exceed his legal authority in discharging the soldiers.

The country would like to see the whole matter finally settled. The trial has lasted long enough. Unless additional hearings are held, a report should be prepared and submitted to Congress at the opening of the next session.

Senator Foraker will not be denied the right of submitting a minority report, but the bloody Brownsville affray should be promptly removed from the boards.

Embroidery Club Anniversary.

Jeffersonville, Ind.—Special.—Magnolia Embroidery Club held its second anniversary on Wednesday evening, November 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Wilson, on National avenue. Following its usual custom, the ladies of this club had issued invitations to its friends in the Falls Cities and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, a decided majority of the invited guests were present. Nothing elaborate in the way of a program was prepared, but the following short program was well rendered:

Song..............Embroidery Club
Prayer.....Mrs. M. Thomas, Chaplain
Welcome Address.............
...........Miss Susie Twyman
Response.........Mr. Wm. S. Owens

The program being over, the guests spent the remainder of the evening having a most delightful time. Before the hour came for departing the mistress of ceremonies, Miss Sarah E. Bibb, invited the guests to partake of a four-course luncheon served in the spacious dining-room of Mrs. Wilson's new home.

The Magnolia Embroidery Club is an organization composed of some of the best women of the city and is doing a very commendable work in its line. The following is a list of its officers and members: Mrs. Martha Wilson, president; Miss Sarah Bibb, vice-president; Mrs. Fanny Johnson Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Mary Welch, treasurer; Mrs. Hary Thomas, chaplain; Mrs. Josephine Brown, instructor. Members—Misses Mollie Boroman, Leenetta Winston, Lucy Bibb, Anna Bibb, Lelia Johnson, Susie Twyman; Mesdames Helen Johnson, Bettie Coleman, Sophia Vanmeter, Codia Redd, Arthenia Hill and Belle Owens.

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Do not suppress the affections.—Bishop Turner.

It was a "bully" sight to see the seadogs on dress parade.

The weather is fairly ideal; not at all flattering. Could be a little better; but afraid to kick.

The prospects of Vice-President Fairbanks for the Presidency continues to improve.

Remember it is more blessed to give than to receive if you have any doubts about what is coming.

The Democratic managers should let Governor Johnson and Judge Gray in the toot just for the looks of things.

One of our exchanges suggests keeping an eye on Secretary Strauss. Evidently it thinks he will also be in the running.

If it were put to a vote of the children, old Santa Claus would be elected to office indefinitely and by an overwhelming majority.

Buy her a lot in College Heights, the beautiful addition to Guthrie, Oklahoma. She will appreciate it as a Christmas present.

The "Bee," of Washington, D. C., is still bent on making life miserable for the school people of that city. It thinks Roscoe Conkling Bruce too young for his job at assistant superintending.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan has trained down to excellent fighting condition. The trouble is that he thinks he is the only one that is eligible to the ring. And the greater number seems inclined to humor him.

A young man named Scott, of the graduating class of Howard University, recently died from the effects of an injury received in a game of foot ball. Such a happening ought to have a tendency to shut out the game.

Bishop Turner said that he consulted an able lawyer as to Miss Lemon's status, and that he was perfectly safe in marrying her, and according to the ruling of the bishops concerning divorced women. Well, if the bishop will tell how it was we, the rest of the people, will pass the matter up, leaving him to enjoy his lemon as best he may.

Mr. Tom Taggart, talking in Washington the other day, gave it as his opinion that Vice-President Fairbanks would be the choice of the Republican nominating committee. He did not fail to have it understood, however, that the Democratic party would bring forward a man that would beat him. It sounds a trifle like that party had some one else in mind beside that omnipresent Bryan. The chances are that Wiley Tom, as he is sometimes characterized in these whereabouts, is making an effort to make the Denver meeting appear more than a hippodrome.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AND GREETING.

To our patrons everywhere, Christmas Cheer and Greeting: Since this time last year, hundreds of thousands have ceased to have voice or part in affairs as you have, as we have. Viewing it from an earthly side, life is the greatest asset; this, of course, carries with it the idea of health; and while these, the crowning days of the year, may not be big with what is so greatly prized—goods, stores and such like, they have been big with mercy in that we are here to tell it. If our cups runneth not over with the collaterals of life, so to speak, we yet have health and strength and mind to glory in pursuing the somewhat fleeting. And, after all, the red glow comes with the chase and not with the quarry. We are sometimes blessed beyond measure, when contrasted with others, albeit, those others are the tenants of gilded palaces. The canker worm of disease, mental and physical, is also there, as elsewhere, and where vanitas vanitatum will be heard in the end.

These are the halcyon days, the festival of the Christ. In this respect none may be denied the fullest participation. Since He is in the most secret places, and not a cornered proposition. The humbler the heart, the greater the kingdom set up there. And were there no Christ, it is the same; it would be the same; humility is strength. Here is the essence of stoicism—the beautiful philosophy of resignation—it is a virtue and the proper faith for the lowly in the world's stores, and of course modified by the wholesome principles of Him who made the day. However, the passing show will not be without some cheer for all; the humblest will see some small token of regard. The corner grocery is sometimes the last resort, but if one has been a fairly good customer through the year, something will be coming. Then the newspapers and magazines have already been to great expense in getting together a more desirable literature, more desirable art; so if we would, we could not escape the effluvia.

There is some sentiment for the sentimentalist, too. "Who is the author of this homely gift?" It were you—then it were beautiful—vulgar eyes shall gaze on it never more. In silence, in love, consigned to the inner court of the possessions, where inventory is taken alone—alone. Push along, ye bloat and gloat, for you have nothing to exchange. Love is king of kings, and we are drunk in its kingdom.

So in various ways we feel the touch of the Christmas influence—rich in love which is the better part. The actual necessities of man are not great. The great beautiful things of the world can only be seen. A Raphael or a Rembrandt will not be eaten, nor a Tanner. Shakespeare, Byron and Longfellow may be had for ten cents at a curiosity shop; Beethoven is now done without an ounce of brains on part of many, and thereby enjoyed for nothing. The rest of the great things are not much different. We will not despair if we are wise.

Finally, we may also give, even out of the small circumstances. Long since we've been taught that it was more blessed to give than to receive. If we will feel pained, it is because we can not give enough, can not extend cheer to as many as we would. But the most of us are millionaries in intent, and more than likely this very generous distribution is the financial matter with us—but it is another question. It should give us pleasure to give, as it is possible to do so, feeling and knowing that we've contributed to our own happiness in that happiness is made more abundant because of us.

WHITTIER, THE POET.

It is indeed fitting that the memory of John Greenleaf Whittier be revered. The nation, regardless of color, owes much to his pen, first, in adding to the value of literature, and because of the specific purpose to which much of his writing was devoted. The Quaker poet, as he is familiarly known, seemingly caught his message, or mission, aright. He, too, was an utter classicist, like his contemporaries — Longfellow, Holmes, Emerson, Bryant, Poe—but he was touched with a diviner fire—it cut loose his stammering tongue, registered in the name of humanity. The heart quality as it is understood, predominated with Whittier; his mission was world-wide, uttering against shambles wheresoever. He was what is needed in great reforms—the purest of soul, seeing wrong as an oriflame to be struck out by the flail of righteousness, seeing every man in the likeness of his Creator, according him the full measure of justice and consideration according to the good in man which rebels at undue authority of man over man.

Whittier's life was concurrent with slavery when in its most malignant fort. He was already fitted by birth with the proper soul quality for the struggle—by education he was further prepared, the evidences of which are noted by his enduring contributions to the nations' literature. His "Snow Bound" and "The Tent on the Beach," and other of the more pretentious compositions, suffice to fiix his place in literature, not to speak of the numerous shorter compositions that are none the less indicative of potentiality, divineness and wisdom.

As Negroes, we will think most of those songs which are known under the head of "Voices of Freedom." Among these are "Toussaint L'Overture," "The Slave Ship," "Our Countryman in Chains," "The Christian Slave," "Stanzas for the Times," "The Farewell," "The World's Convention," some thirty-seven in all, most of which bear directly on the institution of slavery in America; others speak for universal freedom of mankind. Through these poems are breather infinite love and an earnest of unfailing devotion to the cause to which he in part devoted his life.

The subtle force of poetry was all masterful in lashing public sentiment to where conscience lifted up. Whittier spared no means in attaining his end. He invoked man, he invoked the government, he invoked God, feeling that the game was worth the cost, feeling that the end justified the means.

"A Christian up for sale!
Wet with her blood your whip o'er
task her frace;
Make her life loathesome with your
wrong and shame,
Her patience shall not fail."

As said before, Whittier was endowed with the soul, he was fitted by education, he had the cause, that of human slavery. What more? Did Byron have such incentive to draw down the heavenly fire? Tom Moore, Shelley or others of that day had no such incentives. Yet they, too, were of his school. His unstinted, unrestrained language called down the wrath of the South, and many of the North. He waged as if he fought for Whittier; we find all the impulsiveness of soul harnessed in the most elegant and convincing language. His one pen was worth a thousand fighting men in the cause of freedom.

No man did so much in a way as did this learned bard of Amesbury, Massachusetts. The Negroes will do well to keep his memory green; they will do well to become acquainted with him who battled for them when but a bare half-dozen similar souls dare stand. In our prosperity we are apt to soon forget our benefactors. We forget Lovejoy, Phillips, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Garrison and Douglass. Others yet should be called up from memory's deep and given consideration according as they worked. It is small pay for great service, and such as may not be requited by money. But we can give that richer compensation—love and honor and praise—feeling that it will be regarded as ample and sufficient.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS.

Just as sure as the Christmas season rolls around, the main functionary, Santa Claus, receives a jolt, the object being to read him out of "existence." The theory is that he is a prolonged untruth, and as such is not longer needed in the world, and also that his "existence" is harmful in that earliest childhood, is confronted with a monstrous fabrication; insisting that the first introduction to a person of consequence is his highness, Santa Clause—a great big myth, making it an easy matter for taking on the habit of telling untruths, through the striking down of the conscience in its incipiency. Most people will agree that the opponents have some little cause for their contention, but no more than that when urging against other fiction in the world. Suppose we choose to eliminate the story books, the thousands that are so industriously circulated; they, too, are mythological, but not without purpose. To take these out would be as snatching the sun out of existence as it refers to child life; all life for that matter; they are the bread of the spiritual life—to instruct, to entertain are their mission and not deception. It is not much different with that hale old character, the patron saint of the days. Strike him out and much that makes the days enjoyable will have been ravished of their sweets, as a clover or other flowers by the bees.

There is plenty of harmful error to be struck down without ferreting out those things which conduce to happiness. In fact, the content of life-giving qualities should be enriched, rather than impoverished. And right happily man sees it that way, and is, therefore, ceaseless in his effort to add thereunto. Santa Claus is in splendid business. More health to him, if you please, owing to his rich endowment, teaching the beautiful gift lessons, teaching charity. And if a man hath not charity what does it matter about his other qualities? This, the gift god, the one paganic "institution" entailed to us by the centuries, is rightfully cherished, venerated—positively enriching the age.

Who will not receive a gift? Prince or pauper bow down at the gift shrine—equally contrite—rejoicing equally, that, amid the babble of tongues, where so often is the deceit that hurts, there are yet those that give them honest thought, tesifying to nearness and dearness by laying a gift. Where nearness and dearness are not then the actuating qualities; then worth—a testament of fidelity—the insignia of honor, all of which when furthest reduced, equals love. Christ practiced a gospel of love. Santa Clause preaches a similar gospel.

For the most part, we may very well estimate our friends, staunch and true, in the gift season. Nor is it meant that giving is an unfailing sign. The withholding hand is, strange to say, sometimes, the sign of greater love; it is not the rule. Men's acts bespeak their hearts. Then again the idea can be abused, as the Greeks did before Troy, when they took a most beautifully made horse, filled its belly with fighting men, presenting the same to the Trojans—their method of introducing armed soldiers into the walled city, when other means of taking the city had failed them. In this day we are sometimes warned of Greeks bearing gifts, especially when the enemy make overtures that are overdue. The act of perfidy, however, was not without moral. The same beautiful results flowed from the giving. Suspicions were allayed, disarmed—the watchful sentinels relaxed in vigor of the vigilance—peace brooded for a time. That they in the instance were deceived did not challenge the gift spirit—it most effectually—too most effectually did its work.

The rich of the world, a Rockefeller, a Morgan, a Carnegie, Astor or Vanderbilt, one may safely say, would pause a moment in the gift affair of securing franchises for operation in a tier of States, in rescuing a financial nation, in adding fuel to the torch of liberty—diffusing knowledge by means of books, in the act of conveying or receiving a block of real estate involving a cool million, or in deeding a railroad, to receive and open the humblest package ever writ on. The President or the King will receive a turkey or other token of regard from citizen or subject, with honest delight, feeling of truth that it is no small thing to know one's true friends. We may be sure that the great do not always know where they are at—an honest gift will often point the way. Others are not too greatly different from the very great; they have their trials and which are also assuaged by the common balms. They are yet flesh and blood and are thus influenced.

And then, too, we look forward to the days that are big with sustaining quality—throwing back into exhausted nature its necessary ailment—quickening and making alive. We can not afford to rob the period of anything that has a tendency to make for, or to sustain spiritually. Man lives on hope—to-morrow retrieves to-day; next week will make good for this week, and on and on through the cycles of time. If to-morrow is richer in content, in possibility for pleasure, enjoyment, prospects, health, so much the better.

Christmas days are big with hope—and old Kris Kingle is king. If we would be sad at all, 'twould be because he can not make the common rounds; he can not see all alike; he can not see many who should be seen. But will we hold that against him? Not if we are wise. Is the Christ in the world different as exemplified through the propagation of the gospel? Many of the poor know of the Master because of those of the public squares. Many hunger and perish amid His bounty, yet unadministered. So with Santa Claus. The poor, too, often choke back the struggling sob, halts the Niagara of the eyes when compelled to acknowledge certain conditions, making excuses for what they in heart consider an "unequal" god—it is the only indictment aaginst him, and yet he is as the other master forces of the world. If on this score He was ordered snatched to oblivion there would be some apparently just cause. But the children of the poor would not stand for his dismissal; they love him dearly and welcome him with his small store to their home as truly and sincerely as the great. Brave hearts! In the courts of equity, somewhere, everything will be right. They have added to the myriad voices—the children's—and who will rebel most formidability at the dethronement of their idol? The dearest, quaintest character of all the ages will not be routed if the children know it. Not one vote of expulsion will be given him. On the other hand, life eternal will be his portion, and whose kingdom is in their hearts. That he comes to them all—is the reading of their narrow vision. More wisdom to the day of greater things. Love and fear to him then! Love and fear! Leaving him to the world as he was found, the solace for the cradles to be, and who shall need antidote and sorrow. He is king! Long live the king!

TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT

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Infantry. The Second Battalion, 25th Infantry, under the command of Major Partello, proceeded to Malabang, Mindanao, and took station.

The tiresome journey being over, we busied ourselves in tiding up our new homes. The place of our abode for the next two years. We have a most beautiful post, with many cocoanut trees, and flowers of every variety. Bananas are one of the principle products of this island and we are making good use of them.

Our school has opened and we have a fair attendance. Our chapel is so crowded these nights that we sometimes have to stand on the outside to hear the beautiful songs rendered by the audience and an excellent choir of us soldier boys, and to the eloquent sermon delivered by our chaplain, First Lieutenant Oscar J. W. Scott, former pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, in Washington, D. C., of whom we are well pleased. He has charge of our school and library. We have many valuable books upon the shelves of our library and many papers and magazines upon the tables.

Chaplain Scott has helped us to organize our 25th Infantry Literary Society, which has a full corp of officers and is proving to be a drawing card for the members of our garrison. The ladies are taking quite an active part in its development.

We send regards to our friends and should you desire to write us, simply address mail to Manila, P. I., giving the company and regiment.

DAVID W. ADAMS,
Parang, Mindanao, P. I.
Co. B., 25th Infantry, P. M.

P. S.—We should not close this letter until we have expressed our thanks for the kind consideration that was given us by the people of San Francisco, while we were there, and the great ovation which was given us as we sailed away. D. W. A.

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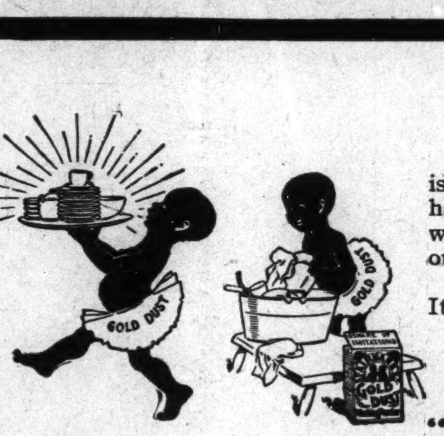

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is the greatest dish-washer ever invented, and when you stop to think that dishes have to be washed 1095 times a year, its use means a great saving. GOLD DUST will cut the grease and dirt like magic, make your dishes spotlessly white, and drive out every semblance of dirt or germs.

GOLD DUST Washing Powder starts to work the moment it strikes the water. It cleanses quickly, easily, thoroughly.

For washing dishes, scrubbing floors, cleaning woodwork, oil cloth, silverware, and tinware, polishing brasswork, cleaning bath room pipes, refrigerators, etc. washing clothes, softening hard water and making the finest soft soap.

"Let the GOLD DUST Twins do your work"

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Many people pay as high as 25c a cake for toilet soap, thinking to secure a purer soap, when in reality they are paying for costly perfume and fancy coloring matter, which make the soap less pure, and oft-times are used to disguise cheap, impure greases.

FAIRY SOAP is white—and stays white — because it is absolutely pure. It is made from edible products and contains no coloring matter or adulterant of any kind; yet, FAIRY SOAP costs but 5c a cake. Why pay more, since there is no better soap at any price? Why even pay the same price for any other soap, and take the chance of exposing your skin to the discomfort and danger of cheap, inferior soap materials?

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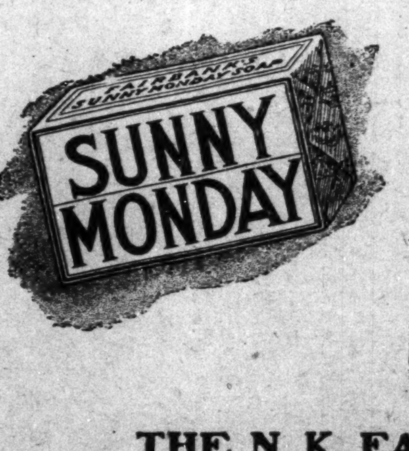

Sunny Monday Laundry Soap

We know every housewife in the land will be interested when we say that *Sunny Monday Laundry Soap* *(N. R.) will double the life of her clothes. The reason is that *Sunny Monday Laundry Soap* *(N. R.) is all soap, without rosin or excess moisture, and contains remarkable dirt-starting qualities which begin their magic work the moment the soap touches the clothes.

Sunny Monday Laundry Soap *(N. R.) can be used in any kind of water—hot, cold, hard or soft, is kind to the hands, and will not shrink woolens and flannels or injure the most delicate fabrics.

***(N. R.) means "No Rosin." SUNNY MONDAY LAUNDRY SOAP contains no rosin. Rosin is an adulterant and will rot and ruin clothes. Because it is all soap, one bar of SUNNY MONDAY LAUNDRY SOAP will do the work of two bars of any other laundry soap.**

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY. Makers, Chicago

Jones and Strander write that they are now at home in Ripley, O., having had to close with the Rufus Rastus in Dixie Company on account of fire, which completely destroyed the car and all the personal belongings of all the members of the company. They send regards to all the profession. Per address Ripley, O., or The Freeman.

Robert Leach, musical director of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, has closed with that company, and is at present engaged in shipping a carload of stock from Luna, Ark., to his homestead at Grassy Lake, Province Alberta, N. W. T., after which he will be seen with W. A. Mahara's Operatic Minstrels. He can be addressed at 3602 Forest avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrel show is at present in better shape than ever before, even since its opening in Washington, D. C., last August 4, a year ago, and has never closed since its opening there. Chas. H. Williams, our principal comedian and stage manager, is surrounded with a strong company. Williams is a very funny fellow, and his partner, A. Stevens, as female impersonator, is in a class by himself. Jim Crosby, Sam Davis, Ed Pete, R. Meaux and T. Seldom are the end men. The Dixie Quartette is a big hit in the olio, also McAllen, the wire walker. Montrose Douglass, trick bicyclist, closes the vaudeville part, then comes Mr. Williams in his funny afterpiece, entitled "A Fowl Deed," which sends them out with a scream, while Williams sings "I'm Happy Now."

ROCKWELL'S SUNNY SOUTH COMPANY.

We are in the good old Canadian country, and everybody is well and happy, despite the cold and snow. Our band, under the able direction of Edward A. Fox, is receiving great comment, both from press and public. Our orchestra comes in for its share, being led by Mr. Jesse Mitchell. H. B. Washington, trombonist, is with us, having joined us in Welland, Ont. Whitten Viney, late of P. G. Lowery's Enterprise, joined us in Bothwell, Ont. A swell affair was prepared for these two newcomers, which is a customary thing done by the company for all newcomers.

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Bill Briggs, known as "Happy Bill," is receiving nightly three and four encores, singing "O Me, O My." J. W. Turner, the one and only celebrity of his kind now in existence, is, as usual, getting his with his educated skates, while Mrs. Turner has an excellent baritone voice. Daisy Fox, our dashing soubrette, is making good. The company is in fine shape. Mr. Rockwell, our genial proprietor, has been slightly under the weather, but glad to say he is progressing rapidly. The bunch sends regards to the profession. Would like to hear from Geo. Thomas and P. G. Lowery.

W. A. MAHARA'S MINSTRELS IN THE SOUTH.

Mahara's Minstrels, which come to the Colonial to-night, have pleased the audiences in cities where visited this season. The Rome Tribune, of recent date, refers to the performance as being one worthy of the patronage of the public, while Manager Phillips, of the Grand Opera House, Macon, furnished a statement containing his personal indorsement of the performance. The notices are as follows:

"The attraction at the Rome Opera House for Thursday's matinee and night was Mahara's Great Minstrels, and the shows were first-class in every particular.

"This is a colored aggregation, with twelve female members, all of whom were strong in their several vaudeville acts.

"The performance was clean all the way through, and came fully up to advance promises."

"This is to certify that the Mahara Minstrels give a good, clean performance, and are first-class in every particular. I heartily recommend them to any house manager, and can assure them that they cannot promise the people too much when they talk of this attraction.

"D. G. PHILLIPS, Mgr.,
"Grand Opera House,
"Macon, Ga."

THE VARIETY ANNIVERSARY NUMBER.

The second anniversary number of the New York Variety came to us this week, bound in a very attractive, yet plain, cover. This number contains 124 pages of much interest to the showman. It is profusely illustrated from cover to cover, and on every page, nearly, an article treating on theatricals appears. Perhaps no better periodical, if as good, appears upon the market for the performer during the holidays, as the news you are wanting is there, in connection with a "tasty" line of neatly set advertisements, showing careful workmanship.

There appears an article on "Colored Folk in Vaudeville," written by Harry Krayton, of hoop fame. Mr. Krayton gives a brief sketch on colored actors in vaudeville, mentioning Williams and Walker, Cole and Johnson, Ernest Hogan and Eph Thompson as the "four" headline acts that "all colored people are proud of." In another part of the article he states that he is strongly in favor of an "order" being formed, similar to the White Rats, among the colored performers.

"It is my opinion before very long the colored artist will have an 'order' similar to the White Rats. We can readily see the great benefits the white artist is deriving from organization.

"There are great possibilities for the colored artist in vaudeville. I can speak of vaudeville only in the most appreciative terms. I have met with the most courteous reception, square dealings, and have experienced no detriment through being colored. A word of advice, a mere suggestion to my race, is not to overstep any bounds. Be polite, be gentlemanly, be womanly, and you will command and receive due regard from everybody."

If the Variety can get out 124-page number at two years of age, what will it do at four years of age. We have no surprise now.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

Paul Carter, Happy Beaureguard, Chas. Scott and William Robinson, or the Richards & Pringle's Minstrels, were entertained by Vergil Lemons, Walter Furrentine, Fred Burton and Mrs. Fannie Fields, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fort, 666 Southwest Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Fort is a head waiter at one of the leading hotels, and Mr. Lemons is one of his side waiters. Everything was just grand. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fort will be long remembered by the named members of the Richards & Pringles Minstrels.

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We are now touring the Western States to a fair business. Mr. Clarence Powell, our stage manager and leading comedian, is scoring heavy as usual, with his song, "Never," to which he has added some new verses. Mr. Powell also purchased an automobile at San Francisco, and it is being shipped to his headquarters.

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Paul Carter, late of P. G. Lowery's Musical Enterprise, joined us at San Jose, Cal. His singing and acrobatic dancing is a scream. Among the new members are Joe Gallaway, Clarence Everette, Alonzo Moore, Ed English and Leonard Gaines. Mr. Fred Simpson is well pleased with his band, which receives heavy applause at the concert. Mr. Will Malone is also a clever orchestra leader and chorus director, and is putting things in good shape. The company sends regards to all friends.

The Afro-American Belasco.

J. E. Green is now the leading colored playwright, producer and stage director of America. During the season just past, at the Pekin Theater, Chicago, he has produced and staged twenty-two original three-act musical comedies, holding the world's record in this regard. In addition to this, he has written eight of these plays entire. He brings to his work an unbounded enthusiasm and a thorough knowledge of stagecraft second to none in this country. His honorary title of the "Afro-American Belasco," or "Belasco in Bronze," bestowed upon him by a prominent Chicago critic, seems peculiarly appropriate.

MR. J. ED. GREEN,
Director of Amusements at Pekin Theater,
Chicago, Illinois.

Stanly Wood, author of "Dr. Dope," "Home-seekers" and a dramatization of "Ivan the Terrible" and "Resurrection," and numerous other plays, says that he has seen a number of rehearsals and has helped superintend many of the plays he has written, but felt it his duty to say of Mr. Green that he is truly a wizard and the craft he has in staging a mob scene is marvelous. Mr. Green is co-author of "Capt. Rufus," conceded by press and public to be the most accurate play ever written and produced by Negroes.

E. C. K.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.

The artistic success of the Black Patti Company at the Elysium theatre was almost eclipsed by their social success while in New Orleans. The hospitality of Southerners is proverbial and the good people of New Orleans vied with each other in an effor to make this conspicuous characteristic shine resplendent during the stay of the Troubadours, infusing more sunshine and pleasure than is usually allowed to permeate the monotony of theatrical existence. Immediately after the Monday evening performance, Paul Steele, the popular member of the Tramp Club, escorted the company in a body to the hall where the Tramp Club were holding a grand ball in honor of the Troubadours. The hall was a glorious sunburst of flowers, lights and music. Everybody danced until the wee morning hours and everybody went home feeling that "life is worth living after all."

Thursday evening Mr. Winston, proprietor of the Astoria Hotel, tendered the entire company a banquet in his spacious dining hall. Words are inadequate to express the great grandeur of this affair. Mr. McCheatam, the efficient manager of the Astoria, was very much in evidence and nothing accurred to impede the even progress of the many courses until they culminated in a copious flow of wine. But the sparkle of the wine could not compete with the sparkle in the eye of Judge Madison Vance, who graced the table occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tutt Whitney and Will A Cooke. The judge is a brilliant conversationalist and his spontaneous humor is irresistable. Dr. and Mrs. Burage were also present to lend tone to the occasion. Last, but ni no wise the least, was the magnificent reception tendered by President Rogers and members of the Allegro Club to Andy Pellebon, the New Orleans Honeysuckle, and company. That the people of New Orleans are loyal to a home product was abundantly manifested. Prof. Nickerson was there with a specially prepared song of welcome and everydoby joined in one mighty chorus that made the welkin ring. Space and time will not permit us to say how sincerely we appreciate this nubounded hospitality, but the New Orleans people have made an indellible imprint upon the hearts of the Black Patti Troubadours.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. London Williams entertained at 6 o'clock dinner for Jesse Jackson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and John Rudd, Tuesday evening.—The Pastors' Aid Society of the N Street A. M. E. Church received at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Staffords in honor of the pastor, Rev. Gasoway Quill. An enjoyable time was had.—Madam Henrietta G. Williams excelled herself with a renderation from Shakespeare at the S. M. T. Hall on W. Main St., Tuesday evening. She was assisted by the following well-prepared program: Piano solo, Miss Elsie Stewart; recitation, J. W. Johnson; selection, "Corona Quartet"; solo, Miss May Stewart; pantomine "The Country Wedding." All numbers were well received.—Miss Bethel of Columbus, who was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mattie Dortch, has returned to her home.—Mrs. Smith of Cincinnati is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Wm. Burton on Mound street for a few days.—The third jubilee meeting conducted by the Y. M. C. A. was held at N Street A. M. E. Church Sunday and was attended by about 200 men and boys. Prof. J. H. Jones was the speaker of the day and he proved himself an able thinker and talker. Special music was rendered by a male chorus of twenty voices. W. F. Speaks presided at the meeting.—Thursday evening the Big Four Orchestra gave its first of a series of dances to be given on each Thursday evening. The old K. of P. hall has been fitted up for dancing and at a late hour the lovers of good music departed for their respective homes after a very pleasant evening. —Monday evening Rev. Willson and son Frencle rendered a pleasing program, with the aid of home talent, at the St. John Baptist Church.—Mrs. Henry Linden, president of the Y. W. C. A., held a very interesting meeting at the Second Baptist Church Sunday. About 300 had gathered to hear Miss Nellie I. Brown, who had been in the East, but did not arrive, being delayed in Pennsylvania.—About fifty men are expected to be present at the second annual dinner given by the Y. M. C. A. at the association rooms Monday evening December 16. Dinner will be served at 6 P. M. R. G. Walker, president of the Board, will be toastmaster. After-dinner speeches will be given by the following: C. D. Swayne, Wm. Snowden, Samuel Huffman Jr., Undertaker David Wilborn and Geo. Bailey. Music will be furnished by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra. —A cottage owned by the Odd Fellows has been leased and is being fitted up for the use of the Y. W. C. A. and the "Door of Hope" Society.—The following officers were elected by the Mystery Lodge No. 45: W. O. Viney, C. C.; Geo. Day, Vice C. C.; Chas. Frye, M. of W.; Roy Howard, prelate; Geo. White, K. of R. and S.; Dudley Jackson Jr., M. of F.; C. Walker Granison, Master of Exchequer; Dr. John S. Robinson, O. G.; Geo. White, Grand Representative.—Mrs. Sarah Adams, a stranger in our city, who was run down by some recklоss drivers and sufferd a broken arm, still finds that member very painful.—Miss Iuez Tilton, who has been the guest of her aunts, Mrs. Dudley Jackson Jr. and Miss Lavonia Parsons, has returned to her home at London, Ohio, after a very pleasant visit.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ottey are the proud parents of a laughing baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.—Mr. Don Tuppins of Detroit, Mich., and Bro. Jas. Tuppins of Chicago, were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. C. Viney, for a few hours last week, enroute to Xenia to bury their brother Willis Tuppins, who died in Colorado.—Diamond Lodge No. 30 and Mystery Lodge No. 45, K. of P., gave a grand banquet and dance at the City Hall in honor of G. C. C. Jas. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Loverette, she the G. W. C., were to be prominent speakers.—An enjoyable time was had by all.—Madam Henrietta G. Williams presented the following program with success at the Wiley M. E. Church Friday, December 13: "Flag of the Free," fourteen little boys and girls; recitation, Master French Wilson; "A Little Boy's Wants," seven little boys; violin selection, Master Stanley Jones; vocal solo, Mary Emma Bell; "A Most Obliging Sister," Margaret Vance; "When I'm a Woman," seven little girls.—Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nelson will leave Christmas morning for Cincinnati to spend the holiday with Mr. Nelson's sister, Mrs. Scott Ellis, on Central avenue.

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The drama, "The Last Loaf," was presented at Bethel A. M. E. church by a company of local talent and each player did pustice to the part. Harris & White's Minstrels played to the S. R. O. at the Majestic Club Hall Monday night. Wililams, Rucker, Combs, Burns, Brooks, Campbell, Patterson and Stokes, band and orchestra satisfied the largest audience that ever witnessed a local talent performance here. They cleaned up for amateurs and made some profesionals look for new acts.

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Bush, Clarence.	Mitchell, Fulton.—2.
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Guens, Gus.	Smith, Henderson.
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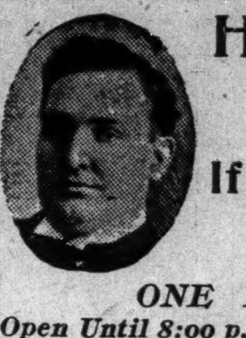

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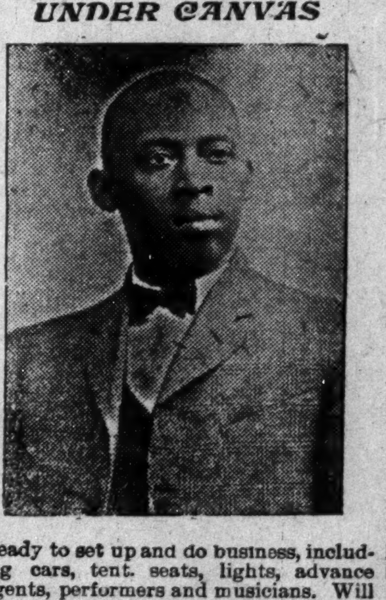

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Peoria, Ill.—Special.—The Dunbar Literary Society of the Methodist church, with Mrs. Sarah Shepard as president, is meeting with success, already having a large membership of both old and young.

The ladies of the Baptist and Methodist churches served dinner throughout Tanksgiving day. In the evening a program was rendered in the auditorium of the A. M. E. church, Messrs. Dunn and Emanuel, of Chicago, taking part.

Mr. Charles Turner is quite ill at the Phoctor hospital.

Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Maggie Johnson are convalescent.

Mrs. Melvina Cotton is ill at her home, 405 North Adams street.

The funeral of little Claude Brown was held at the Mt. Zion church last Wednesday afternoon. He leaves to mourn him a loving mother and father and a host of small friends.

Mr. Douglas Shepard has been confined to his home the past few days with weak eyes.

Charlie Dunn, Harrison Emanuel and the Misses Retta and Annis Barnes, of Chicago, were the guests of the Misses Hagan during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagan entertained about forty young people Saturday evening at the residence of Wm. Conway, 1008 First avenue, in honor of the visiting strangers. Mrs. Dyer and Mr. Stevenson furnished the music during the evening. Refreshments were served at a late hour, every one having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. John White, of Springfield, Ill., spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

Miss Foda Harrison entertained at breakfast Sunday morning at her residence, 1215 Second avenue. Covers were laid for fourteen. Those present were Misses Grace and Edna Hagan, Retta and Annis Barnes, Josie Conway, Gladys Page, Wana Boone, Viola Watson, Lilly Brown, Georgia Harrison, Messrs. Chas. Dunn, Harrison Emanuel and John White.

Mr. Mitchell, formerly of Peoria, was the guest of friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoots and niece, Miss Straughter, of Galesburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ulyses Shoots Thanksgiving day.

It is with regret we read of the death of Jessis Berry, of Galesburg, having been a favorite with the young people of this city.

About twenty couples accompanied Harper's orchestra over the inteurban last Wednesday evening to Bloomington, Ill., to attend the reception and dance given by the Young Men's Club. All report an enjoyable time.

The dance given by Company K at the armory Thanksgiving eve was well attended.

The roller skating rink at Company K armory every Monday evening, under the management of Wm. Conway and Dean Dobbins, promises to be a success.

The dancing school every Thursday evening at the armory is well patronized. Messrs. Parish, Freeman and Stevenson, of St. Louis, instructors.

Rev. Jameson, of the A. M. E. church, spent Tuesday in Springfield, Ill.

Miss Rhoda Shaw spent Thanksgiving day with friends out of the city.

Mrs. Ivan Harper and Miss Nora Stanford are up again after a severe illness of several weeks.

Benjamin A. Walton, Jr., is spending the winter in Pass Chrisian, Miss.

Mrs. Lena Mason, the evangelist, will hold a series of revivals, beginning Sunday, at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Lynch Conway is well again, after a slight attack of malaria.

Captain Conway is in receipt of the news that Company K won the loving cup for the best marksmanship at the last encampment. The cup was presented the regiment by Capt. Bert Williams.

The Woman's Aid Club have purchased a club home near the corner of Globe and Main streets.

Mrs. Etta Conway entertained the Philharmoniac Art Club at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Haydon, proprietor of the T. & H. barber shop, presented the A. M. E. church with a gas stove to be used in the kitchen of the church.

The parsonage has been put in repair, a beautiful landscape window adorning the front and is now a fitting home for the minister and his family.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison entertained a few of his young friends last week, the occasion being his ninth birthday. The afternoon was spent playing games, after which luncheon was served. Those enjoying their little host's hospitality were Masters Conway Sanford, Francis Gibbons, Freddy Haines, I. I. Corsy, Robby Corsey and Ralph Corsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have removed from Frye street to 1422 second avenue.

Evils in the A. M. E. Church.

There is no man in the ministry of the A. M. E. church who dares talk right out like a man unless he is willing to risk his job. The Bishops to be elected at the next general conference are already chosen, the few changes in the discipline that are to be made are already decided upon. It does not take many words to say what I have said, but it has taken a great deal of scare, work and cruelty to bring about the truth which so few words can state. In the estimation of those who are fixing things the laity are simply so many Dollar Money producers, the ordinary pastors are merely so many Dollar Money collectors and the average presiding elder is only a Zach or tax collector. When this statement appears in The Freeman it will start on a course that will untimately reach the entire thinking portion of the A. M. E. church. It will be resisted, not only by argument and contradiction, but by slander and threats and efforts to silence me. Every reader of The Freeman knows me and knows that I never write anything that is not true and never back water. I have nothing the gang can take from men anr have no fear of anything on earth tucked away in any part of my body.

What the next general conference is to do is almost the same as if it were already done. Listen and you will soon hear that some of the delegates already elected were not elected by votes, fut became delegates by the much easier process of being counted in by omproper tellers of election. Presiding elders who force men under them to make loans in order to get an appointment are not the kind of fellows to make laws. There is a deep and well laid plan on foot to put such honest and upright men men as Bishop Grant and his kind in the background at the next general conference, and to fill the Bishops' bench with men who woll see tothings after they are in. Think of a man who is a candidate for the Bishopric going around to conferences counting votes for delegates and electioneering against men of high standing. Think of presiding elders pulling the legs of poor pastors to make them raise big purses for Bishops and then taking half as commission.

Unless the real men of the A. M. E. church wake up and assert themselves they will soon either have to quit and seek other means of living or else simply be slaves. This is enough for now, but when the time comes, details, faces, persons, places and particulars will come.

JOHN M. HENDERSON.

Erie, Pa.

CRITCHLOW SAYS FOREIGN LABOR WILL NEVER DISPLACE NEGRO.

President W. G. Critchlow, of the I. L. U. Grand Lodge, Dayton, O., says that foreign labor can never replace Negro labor in the South. The position occupied by Mr. Critchlow gives his words great meaning, as he is at the head of the greatest order of Negro laboring people in the country, and he has an exceptional opportunity to study the conditions and know what the outcome will be.

They can not stand the hot climate, he says, also the prohibition measures now being so generally adopted in the South serves to keep them away, as no large elements of foreign labor will stay where prohibition exists. The Negro is much the more desirable citizen and he need have no great fear of being displaced in the near future.

Mr. Critchlow's order, the I. L. U. Grand Lodge, is striving to unite all Negro working people into one labor order, which helps them to get better conditions in life and pays many other benefits in case of accident, sickness or distress. This order is growing by leaps and bounds and new subordinate lodges are being started up on every side.

This organization will never stop, Mr. Critchlow says, until an I. L. U. lodge is formed at every school and church, and in every town and city in the country where Negro labor can be found. Mr. Critchlow is calling for more deputies to assist him, saying he will pay well for all who answer his call, and if you want to know all about this great and growing I. L. U., you can get full information by addressing a letter of inquiry to the following address: Grand President Critchlow, 115 I. L. U. Building, Dayton, O.

FIRST AMERCAN GRADUATE.

Rise of an American Boy in the Philippine Islands.

Manila, P. I., Nov. 11.—Mr. Robert G. Shield, an Americon Negro, who has beenacting as a clerk in the bureau post, has passed the medical examination and is now entitled to put the characteristic "M. D." after his name. Mr. Shields is from Pennsylvania; he was born in Philadelphia, September 7, 1877. He was raised and educated in Washington, D. C., and spent some time at Howard University, receiving the degree of doctor of pharmacy from that institution. Mr. Shield arrived in the Philippine Islands September 10, 1898. He was in charge of the Insurgent Hospital during the insurrection. He was a hospital steward in the United States army, served as assistant to Chief Medical Inspector for Bureau of Engineers. One of the first colored men in these islands to erect a two-story home owned and built by himself in the city of Manila, valued at 5,000 peso on a lot of 800 meters. He now holds interests in a rice farm in the Province of Pangosman. During his term at the Spanish University of Santa Tomas taking a post-graduate course in medicine, he was employed in the Manila postoffice as a clerk. He enjoys the distinction of being the first American to graduate from a Spanish university, taking the degree and diplomas of sudgean and medical doctor. These lectures are all in Spanish. He has also qualified before the State Board of Medical Examiners of the Assistant Commisisoner of Public Health Dr. R. E. L. Newberne, and others, Dr. Eleanor J. Pond, and Dr. S. K. Rosario, a Spaniard, and has been awarded the state certificate which legally qualifies him to practice medicine and surgery in the islands. Mr. Shields was also one of the first colored pharmicists to be registered in the State of Ohio. He is vice-president of the Filipino Postal Asosciation, composed of all Filipino postoffice clerks (only), being the only American in the asosciation. He speaks Spanish and nearly all the dialects used in these islands. He is now awaiting an appointment as District Medical Officer in the Province of Pangosinan, one of the wealthiest provinces in the islands, and his success is almost certain.

EMMETT J. SCOTT OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 10.—Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington, was operated upon for appendicitis in the Institute hospital here to-day by Dr. John A. Kenney, Resident Physician of the Institute, and Dr. Daniel H. Williams, of Chicago. For some time Mr. Scott has been suffering with chronic appendicitis and his condition became so aggravated that his physician, Dr. Kenney, directed that an operation was imperative.

His many friends in all parts of the country will be glad to learn that the operation is considered very successful and that the prospects are that he will soon be on the road to recovery.

COLLEGE HEIGHTS.

The President has said the word and Oklahoma, like some new-born world that has been set a-whirling in space, is off on its mission of statehood. It has joined the great sisterhood of commonweaths, fully prepared in those things and requirements that give promise of a very brilliant future. It is fitter and better in waiting its day of eligibility. Thes low and tedious process incident to the making of most states were not the portion of Oklahoma; it sprang, as it were, from the head of the great god Zeus and was at once, comparatively speaking, ready for the race. The new State is great in natural resources, iron, coal and other minerals, that are the more useful commodities of man. Here is the virgin forests that have not heard the ring of the ax; its wilds teem with the offerings of nature—a table spread, verily; the streams that are big with the finny creation, which leap the silvery cascades as children at play. Truly here is nature's banquetting scene, and one is slothful indeed if he hungers amid this bounty. Here is the path of the sun at his best in his never-ending round—just beyond its northermost confine, the tropis of Cancer, providential in location, escaping the intense heat of a few degrees south, insuring the clime of the purple grape, the lucious melon and peach, besides the great variety of grain and vegetables known further north or south. Most happy land! Thice hapy land! Surely you have prepared a table for the oncoming generations, whose shouts of joy and peals of laughter will fill all the vale in token of gladness and content. Surely some are born great; it is so with Oklahoma.

Restlessness and discontent, in most cases, are the forerunners for good. Oklahoma is made up of those that were not willing to tbide the phlegmy old ways of the erstwhile homes; or perhaps the arux of untoward circumstances had pressed sore and hard—goading to the quick, as it were, and they sought relief; and as was said of the Pilgrim Fathers, "what sought they thus afar?" The answer was, "a faith's pure shrine." Theirs was a religious movement, strictly speaking. The movement for enlarged liberty and activity is also religious; all good moves, all good things are religious, if we will have it that way. They sought a more perfect peace, a more tranquil and congenial community whereat to work out their industrial and moral salvation. So far the god of peace has attended their ways; prosperity coming as if the thing had been foreordained. Thus those restless spirits of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and other Southern States, together with a generous sprinkling from everywhere, have unionized their zeal, ought of which the modern wonder—the very head of Zeus. The Negroes of the States cited, and of the country generally, have been no less active in contributing to the upbuilding of their El Dorado.

Amid this theatre of plenty on the bosom of this plain nestles the city of Guthrie. What has been said of the State applies to that city. In fact, more could be said of its prospects, standing the entreport of a vast section, with its vast resources present and to be; it promises to stand out like letters in relief. Here are already 30,000 inhabitants enjoying the first fruits of their industiral victory. Among these are several thousand Negroes who have been no laggards in the movement.

But it is College Heights in particular to which we wish to call your attention. It is that beautiful suburban town of Guthrie; being adjacent it will partake of the same benefits. Colloge Heights has been beautifuliy platted; alolwances have been made for public schools and other public buildings that are usually the slow growths of communities. Other facilities incident to up-to-date cities are already provided for, making College Heights an inducement which should be well considered. The managers are very anxious that colored people become purchasers of the lots which are selling at low prices at this time, and simply as a matter of introducing the locality. The thrift of Guthrie insures livelihood to those entering the section. You run no risk in going to College Heights. Everything is in your favor. The sentiment of the community is fair toward the colred people, insuring justice in the courts and general consideration. Farm lands are near and may be purchased on easy payments. It is the colored man's opportunity. Will he seize it, or will he let it pass? College Heights is growing, why not grow with it? For further information address Geo. L. Knox, The Freeman, Shiel Block, Indianapolis.

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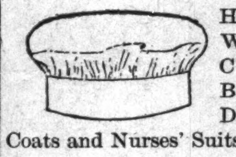

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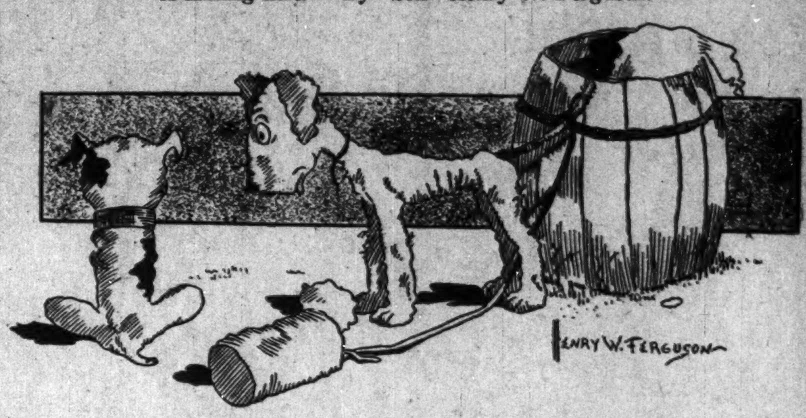

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Did ah eat any turkey meat?
  Nevah yo' min'½
What yo' care des so ah eat,
  Des nevah yo' min'!
Ain't no use in askin' me,
Fer I'se ez cu'iuos as ah ken be;
I sees fudder den yo' ken see.
  Des nevah yo' min'!

Did ah call on Emmer Lou?
  Nevah yo' mon'!
Man, ah des cain't answah you.
  Des nevah yo' min'!
But tellin' de truf, we sho' did meet,
An' at her table ah tuck a seat;
But what's de diff'unce if ah did eat?
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PROGRESS THAT IS REMARKABLE

The Metripolitan Mercantile & Realty Company Holds Its Annual Meeting and Reports a Membership of Over 8,000—Its Work is Exclusively Among the Colored People, and It is Wirk Whose Importance Can Not Be Overestimated — Over $800,000 Worth of Stock Bought in Less Than Eight Years—President P. Sheridan Ball Calls Attention to the Effects of the Influence of Foreigners Upon Afro-American Interests.

It would scarcely be possible to attach too much importance to the facts and figures that were brought out in the annual report of the Metropolitan Mercantile & Realty Company, the well known colored organization of this city, whose annual meeting was held a few days ago.

This company, it will be remembered by readers of this paper, began business about eight years ago, and has been remarkably successful from the first. It is incorporated under the laws of New Jersey and has a capital stock of $1,000,000, and the fact was brought out at the annual meeting that only $200,000 of the stock remains unsold, $800,000 having been sold in less than eight years. Mr. P. Sheridan Ball, the President of the company, who is regarded as one of the ablest colored men of this country, called attention in his report to the fashion in which the great influx of foreigners into New York and surrounding cities is being housed by white investors to the exclusion of the American Negro, except in undesirable localities, and he called upon the people to sustain the efforts of the Metropolitan Mercantile & Realty Company and to be prepared to buy land for themselves and to build houses, for by so doing they can aid their people in the only tangible and permanent way.

Mr. J. H. Atkins, the Treasurer of the company, who also is an exceedingly able and popular man, presided at the annual meeting, and Mr. L. C. Collins acted as Secretary. There were more than one thousand members present at the meeting and about five thousand were represented by proxies.

It was brought out in the report that during the past year the company has acquired by purchase a large tract of land at Rahway, N. J., embracing more than 1,100 lots, on which the company is to build houses which will accommodate about 10,000 people. This is in addition to the 128 lots in Plainfield, N. J., the 208 lots at Sag Habor, N. Y., and more than 100 improved properties in the city of New York.

The company not only operates in the East, but also have branch offices in most of the Western States, and it is the policy of the company to extend their business throughout the entire United States. In Baltimore the company have a big department store, and in Plainfield, N. J., a big grocery store, and in Savannah, Ga., they are carrying on a big banking business.

For half a dozen years past the company has been paying regular dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on its outstanding capital stock, more than justifying even the largest claims that have been made on its behalf. The highest commendation is due to Mr. Ball, Mr. Wright, the First Vice-President; Mr. Charlse B. Coles, the Second Vice-President; Mr. Collins, the Secretary; Mr. Atkins, the Treasurer; Mr. Edwin R. Williams, the Assistant Secretary, and their esteemed colleagues, for the noble work they are doing in behalf of this great and solid institution. It is work the good effects of which will be felt for generations to come, and is not second in importance even to that which is being done by Booker T. Washingtin at Tuskegee.

The company now has its headquarters in its new building at Forty-sixth street and Eighth avenue. When completed this will be a six-story and basement brick structure in which more than 300 Negroes will be employed in the different departments of the business. It will be the largest and finest and best equipped establishment of its kind in the United States and is certain to earn large revenues for the company.—Commercial and Financial World.

THE JOYS OF BEING A NEGRO.

A Negro attorney, of Chicago, has written a little book entitledthe "Joys of Being a Negro." At first blush the average understanding will not be able to make out a case under that heading. But the writer doubtless has different views of life to those of the average understanding, hence the little tome. The volume is not before us, therefore, we are not onto his line of attack. He however, is not without company; not long since no less distinguished an individual than Booker T. Washington said that if it were left to him as to his choice, should he be permitted to live his life again, that he would choose to be an American Negro. It was testimony to the faith he had in his race.

"Life is not an empty dream." Mr. Longfellow had no particular people in the calculation. He had living in mind. Race does not enter the question. "Up and doing," "achieving and pursuing," are not limited and should be followed by the same results. There are phases of joy in all existence, no matter how mean as measured by the enlightened world. And it may be set down as a fact that ignorance was "sent" into the world also the proper accompaniment of the lowly station that those there would have joy according to the understanding. The Hotentot, the cave dweller and the tree dweller must have their joys in compensation for the hard phases in their lives; they do have them and, as said before, acocrding to their understanding. The civilized man would have no share in the joys of the savage, nor will the educated and uneducated see alike. It is this fact that makes hard conditions in America for the Negroes, where the effort is to civilize and uncivilize at the same time. Education carries certain inalienable rights, prerogatives we may say, and which may not be divorced under any circumstances. The individual may be reduced to a state of indifference—insensibility to things generally—his head may be bludgeoned, yet it will be unbowed. Civilization in its best sense and education are fairly one, and a jealous mistress. It is very much like the faith of the Baptist church which reads as a cardinal principle: "Once in Christ and never out." So reduce the joys of civilization and education back to those of barbarianism will prove a difficult task and yet we see some suck tendency. It will not prevail, owing to the law immutable, as that which guides the stars in their courses—the thing is fixed and persistent.

Of course, many of the things that go with supreme civilization are slow in reaching the race. The effort against the full attainment is felt, but right here comes in the joy of being a Negro—a special joy—the zest lent to the pursuing and which pursuit, if not too greatly handicapped will end in victory. Of course, there is such a thing as 'setting flatly down, absolutely, on a race or on an individual. In such cases it will be extremely difficult to "work by," if it is at all possible. Yet even in such cases if there is a gleam of hope, it will be special joy to make the effort. This is not merely applicable to Negroes; those set on anywhere will have some such feeling. And yet it will be seen that the Negroes' joy in the successful pursuing and achieving is the greater, because they feel the greater prejudice, bespeaking a kind of inferiority that is detested and righteously so, passing the fetich phase of self-worship to that of pure religion in the sense of self-devotion, having in mind the preservation of self in the better sense.

We think a great education is better for special joy than a very poor one. It may not be altogether of books, but great of mind. Solomon was not blessed with many books; he had mind greatness. Abraham Lincoln was great of mind before he knew very much about books. We do not understand that Jesus Christ knew books as we of today know them; He was great of understanding and not because He was sent of His Father, for He spoke as a child, yet "no man spake like that." He joyed in His humility, knowing that He was rich in content; His humility was His strength; it is no less so today.

The joy of doing to help alleviate the suffering in the world is not denied the race. And here is chances for special joy, owing to what we know. We should have the Booker T. Washington feeling, rejoicing that God so loved the world that He endowed the lowly browed with the alabaster equal in brain capacity, doing equally under given development, whether he built the pyramids or did not build them. What does it matter? What matters the former intellectual sloth? Can the Negroes take on the higher learning? It has been demonstrated that nature has set no metes and bounds. Here is again cause for real joy: life and soul equality, regardless of the outer contour.

Don't forget that College Heights is an established fact; it is not merely on paper. The beautiful addition to Guthrie is already platted, and with an eye single to the many advantages of modern cities. Oklahoma is strictly in favor at this time, and Guthrie, the capital, is the particular center of attraction. College Heights adjoins Guthrie. As Guthrie, so is College Heights. Get in on the ground floor. You take no chances.

The Ayres Bulletin

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Counterpieces and scarfs in Japanese drawnwork, in 18, 20 and 24-inch squares and 18x45-inch size, regular at $1.50, today.... **$1.00**

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Ed Tolbert left for Los Angeles, Cal., last Tuesday.

E. Stiggars, of The Freeman is ill at his home 526 Leon street.

If you want the Best Photos, go to Bennetts, 39 E. Wash. St.

School shoes, the kind that wear, Big 4 Shoe Store, 352 W. Washington St.

Miss Herbert Webber is now employas an assistant at The Freeman office.

If you want the Best Photos, go to Bennetts, 36 E. Washington street.

The Knights and Ladies of Honor will meet at Fielding's Shop Sunday afternoon.

School shoes the kind that wear, Big 4 Shoe Store, 325 W. Washington St.

Rev. J. S. Bailey attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Wliliam Harper last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lena Mason will be the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. Monster Meeting at Bethel church tomorrow afternoon.

Burrell Eckels, the well-known hotel man has returned srom French Lick, Ind,, for the winter.

Arthur Goens, of Elkhart will come Tuesday to be the guest of Miss Mary Farrow during the holidays.

Woodbine Perfume, Oh! how fragrant exquisite, enchanting, bewitching. Only at Blodau's Drug Store.

The Seventh B Class of the McCoy school will entertain their friends Christmas eve at 816 California street,

Services at Flanner Guild Sunday will be conducted by Rev. Ward, assisted by the choir of Zion Baptist church.

The members of the Y. C. W. P. A. will receive their friends at the Home 635 Blake street from 2 to 10 p. m. January 1.

Mrs. Leonard I. Harris went to Marion Monday to see the act of her brothers, Brown and Brown, singer and cartoonist.

Damon Company, No. 1 and Grenadier No. 7, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, at Masonic Hall Friday eve, December 27.

J. W. Frierson, of The Freeman has purchased an interest in the undertaking establishment of G. W. Frierson and Company, 632 Indiana avenve.

Virgil Shephard, a well-known young man about town has opened up one of the largest billiard parlors in the state at 309 Indiana avenue.

Luke Franklin, son of Rev. Franklin of Columbus, O., is improving from a serious illness in Senate avenue. His mother and sister are with him.

Go have a good time Friday evening, December 2?, with Damon Company, No 1, ond Grenadier, No. 7, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. Dance until wee hours of morning.

Mrs. F. Fowler Brown has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brown and family. Mrs. Brown was fromerly Miss Bessie Oliver, of Louisville, and a member of the Hogan aggregation last season.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward will observe New Year's Day with open house from 2 to 6 p. m. in honor of guests from Louisville. No invitations are issued.

Damon Company No. 1 and Grenadier No. 7, Uniform Rank, K. of P. will give a swell holiday dance and exhibition drill at Masonic Hall, opposite Park Theatre, Friday evening, December, 27. Come everybody.

Haggans Woods, residing at 1740 South Meridian street, died at the City Hospital Wednesday morning. The burial took place under the direction of G. W. Frierson and Company on Friday afternoon.

'Phone yonr wants to us. We call for and deliver prescriptions. Anything ordered by 'phone will be selected as carefully as if you called in person. No extra charges, Gauld's Pharmacy, New 1178; Old, Main 4032.

Union and Leah Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star will jointly celebrate the Birth of Christ at their hall corner Delaware and Court streets, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The public is cordially invited.

The Fourth Annual Christmas Assembly of the Bachelor Club will be held at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, December, 27. No pains will be spared to make this the most brilliant social affair ever given by this organization.

The Committee of Twelve is arranging to circulate 50,000 copies of Mr. Andrew Carnegie's recent speech in Edinburg on the progress of the American Negro. Those wishing to secure copies of this address free of charge, should write to Mr. Hugh N, Browne, secretary of the Committee, Cheyney, Pa.

Rev. L. N. Cheek has retuined to America, after a seven years' stay in East Africa under the auspices of the F. M. B. at Louisville, Ky. He left one brick building for a church, two residences and a schoolhouse. He has in his care two native boys who will be educated. During his stay Rev. Chook hopes to raise sufficieni funds to establish another Mission Station.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH,

George L. Knox was at the morning service in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. and received a good collection.

Rev. L. N. Cheek also made an address on his experience in Africa.

TO ORGANIZE A COLORED BASEBALL LEAGUE

A number of baseball fans met last night at The Freeman office and decided on organizing a national colored baseball league. It has not been decided whether a daily schedule will be played or not. After the call of the meeting wasread Cary B. Lewis of Louisville spoke at some length on the proposition, after which the following temporary officers were elected: Frank C. Leland, president, Chicago; Ed. Lancaster, vice president, Louisville; Ed. S. Gaillord, corresponding secretary, Indianapolis; Cary B. Lewis, secretary, Louisville; William Roberts, treasurer; Indianapolis; Charles Marshall, organizer, Indianapolis.

All phases of baseball were discussed that would promote the organization. The delegates were given much encouragemement by the large number of letters received that promised sympathy and support by fans from all over the country. A committee was appointed to draft constitution and bylaws and report at the next meeting subject to the call of the president.

—The Indianapolis Star, Dec. 18.

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Look into the future – MYSTIC ORACLE Fortune Teller Dream Book, foretells future events! Price 10c. Jones Mfg. Co., 531 W. Sixth St., Suite D., Cincinnati, O

AUCTION SALE—On Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m., the Style Millinery, 221 Indiana avenue, will sell at auction, flowers, 300 trimmed hats, ranging in price from 50c to $35; this sale includes some of the finest Parisian pattern hats ever shown in this city. This sale is made at auction for the purpose of advertising. This is not a fire sale, bankrupt sale or removal sale, but is given for the purpose of advertising the Style Millinery, who have adopted this plan of advertising instead of newspaper advertising. The buyer gets the benefit, not the newspapers. T. J. Semans, Auctioneer.

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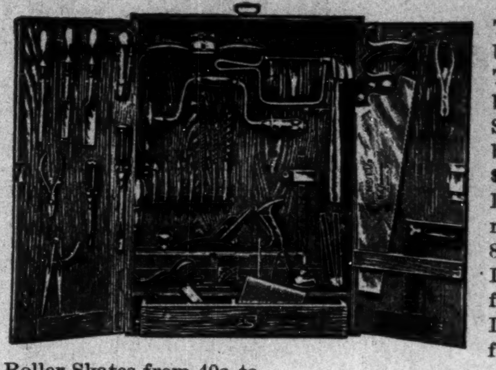

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